

Continued rain tonight and probably Tuesday.

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SILVEIRA LIVING IN STYLE IN CAPITAL OF VENEZUELA

HEAD OF LOOTED BANK

Alleged Enough Was Left in Havana to Cover All Liabilities of Firm.

PURCHASES HOME FOR HIS FAMILY

Alleged Embezzler Is Well Known in Caracas, Where He Did Business.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Oct. 22.—Posing as a man who has done nothing wrong and claiming that he has only absented himself from Cuba for his health's sake, Manuel Silveira, who is being held responsible for the failure of J. M. Ceballos & Co., of New York, is living at Caracas with his family.

Silveira, according to dispatches received here, arrived at Caracas on October 10 from Puerto Cabello and then dispatched the steamer Carmelina back to Cuba. He has rented a house in a fashionable neighborhood and is living in excellent style.

Silveira declared he left his firm solvent, with \$1,500,000 assets to cover \$700,000 liabilities to Ceballos & Co. He expressed surprise at the news of Ceballos' failure and his own reported default, with nearly \$1,000,000 of creditors' funds.

Silveira is well known in Caracas because of his connection with the cattle industry. Few of the people there know of his reported absconding from Cuba, and he has been given a warm reception in the Venezuelan capital.

SMITH'S SLAYER STILL FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

Mounted Negroes in Vicinity May Furnish Clue.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., OCT. 22.—George Midgret, alias William Johnson, who is wanted by the police here on the charge of murdering Charles Smith last Saturday night, has not yet been captured, although the entire police force of the city has been assiduously at work on the case for the past eight hours. None of the policemen from the chief down has slept or eaten well since the murder, and they have left no clue unturned to apprehend the fugitive. Chief Goods and the policemen working on the case are indignant at the story published in a Washington paper this morning as to Johnson having returned to this city and changed his clothes at a house formerly occupied by him in West street.

The police assert that the whole story is a falsehood and that the mayor's orders with regard to watching the houses occupied by Johnson and Robertson have been carried out by Chief Goods, to the letter.

Police headquarters this morning received a telephone communication from R. C. L. Moncreux, stating that a Mr. Loving, residing at West Falls Church, had seen two negroes riding horseback through West Falls Church about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The horses appeared to be nearly exhausted from running and the men were heard to remark as they passed Mr. Loving: "What shall we do with the horses?"

The coroner's jury, which held an inquest over the remains of Charles Smith yesterday, returned a verdict that Smith came to his death from a pistol wound in the head, inflicted by George Midgret, alias William Johnson, colored. The jury was composed of Robert M. Graham, Broders Moore, George D. Hopkins, Paul R. Hufsch, William Poss, and W. W. Billinger.

Policeman Garvey, who was with

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) has been reported during the past 24 hours: Santa Fe, 1.02; Atlantic City, 1.48.

During the 24 hours ending 8 a. m. Sunday: Providence, 2.10; Hartford, 2.32; Charleston, 1.14; Atlantic City, 1.40.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh northeasterly winds, followed by fair weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m.	56
12 noon	56
1 p. m.	57
2 p. m.	58

DOWN TOWN.

(Registered Affleck's Standard Thermometer.)

9 a. m.	56
12 noon	56
1 p. m.	57
2 p. m.	58

SUN TABLE.

Sun sets today.....5:13

Sun rises tomorrow.....6:16

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today.....11:42 p. m.

Low tide today.....6:23 a. m.

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HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Oct. 22.—Both rivers muddy.



J. M. CEBALLOS, President of Financial Concern of New York from Which Absconder Manuel Silveira Is Said to Have Taken \$1,000,000.

Racing Balloons Start On Flight of 24 Hours Toward Adirondacks

Army Officers in Airship's Basket to Get Data for Signal Corps—Autos Following From Pittsfield.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Oct. 22.—In what was the best start ever made from Pittsfield for a balloon trip, the Centaur and Orient, of the Aero Club of America, left Aero Park today. The wind was blowing 10 miles an hour from the east.

As the two balloons arose they struck a current from the southeast, and when last seen were going directly northward toward the Adirondacks.

The Centaur, of 55,000 cubic feet gas capacity, the largest balloon in this country, was piloted by Charles J. Walsh, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. With him were Maj. Samuel Reber and Capt. Charles De Forest Chandler, of the Signal Corps, U. S. A.

In the Orient, of 25,000 cubic feet gas capacity, were Leo Stevens, of New York, pilot, and Capt. Homer W. Hedge, of the Aero Club.

The Centaur got away exactly at 10:25 o'clock, and the Orient followed one minute later.

The gentle wind took them directly upward for perhaps 500 feet and then they started northwesterly.

Following the balloons in automobiles were Corliss Field Bishop, of New York, in his Panhard, with Richard A. Stanley, of Lenox, and several newspaper men. Floyd Knight, of Pittsfield, in another car, also pursued the Centaur, although this was not a pursuit race for a cup.

Major Reber and Captain Chandler had been ordered here by the Government to make observations for the Signal Corps.

It was the first time Major Reber, who came to this country in 1886, and Captain Chandler had ever been up in a free balloon.

One Thousand People See Start.

About 1,000 people surrounded Aero Park on East street to see the start. There was a battery of cameras on all sides.

Major Reber carried along maps and a stachoscope barometer and thermometer for government use. Each balloon has rations sufficient for twenty-four hours.

Captain Hedge said just before starting that they hoped to make at least 50 miles, and to surpass the record of the German pursuit cup race.

In passing over Potter Mountain, west of Pittsfield, the two balloons were in the clouds.

At 11:30 o'clock the two were passing over Stephentown, N. Y., bound for Troy, at a height of about 500 feet.

Just as the balloons left Aero Park the Pittsfield fire whistle was blown and a town in Berkshire county were notified by telephone. As a result thousands of people watched for the airships.

The blow comes through the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company discontinuing the through freight car service which heretofore has been daily afforded this city in its freight traffic with the Shenandoah valley points. As a result of taking off this fast freight car service, it will henceforward be on that road a matter of five or six days for getting freight from this city to the points on the road near Staunton, Va.

COMPLAINT FROM STAUNTON.

In the complaint from Staunton, it is said:

"In other words, a man could walk from Washington to Staunton in less time than it will take, under the new conditions, to get freight over the same distance."

Coming as it does on top of the vigorous campaign of the freight committee of the Jobbers and Shippers' Association for better freight facilities between Washington and all Virginia points, this action on the part of the railroad is considered by members of the association as being especially burdensome. It is at all events a great

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF WATCH AND MONEY

The case against Milo Lacarin and George Stanic, who are charged with the larceny of a gold watch and \$50 in money from Vincenzo Armocida, of 607 Four-and-a-half street southwest, was continued in the Police Court today until tomorrow, so that more evidence could be produced. The case had been called for today.

MILES' DEATH LAD TO GROFF AFTER INQUEST

Alleged Slayer Located by Three Initials Found in Hat on the Sidewalk.

STABBING AFFRAY NOT REMEMBERED

Coroner's Jury Brings in Verdict in Fifteen Minutes Demanding That Groff Be Held for Trial.

Ralph L. Groff, a metal worker, was held today by the coroner on the charge of being responsible for the death early Sunday morning of William McKim Miles, of 600 Sixth street southwest.

The jury was out about fifteen minutes.

The inquest began at the District Morgue shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

The first witness was Dr. Charles C. Montgomery, who attended Miles. Dr. Montgomery told of the knife wound.

Central Office Detective Cornwell, who arrested Groff yesterday, stated that the young man had admitted to him that he had been in a fight with two men at Sixth and F streets. He did not remember drawing a knife or stabbing them.

The most important witness was Miss Minnie Elgin, who lived at the same house with Copeland and Miles. Miss Elgin said that some time after 11 o'clock she heard some one at the door and got up to see who it was. She saw Miles and Copeland coming across the street. A strange man, she said, was going out of the gate.

"This man went up and said something to Mr. Miles," said Miss Elgin. "and Mr. Miles struck him. He was chased up the street. I dropped aside and came down stairs and the three men on the other side of the alley.

Joined Miles on Street.

"I knew that there was going to be trouble, and went upstairs to dress. I went down the street and met Mr. Miles. He said to me:

"Minnie, what are you doing here, and I replied that I had come to take him into the house.

"I am going to beat that fellow standing on the corner. He is the speaking rascal that tried to come into the house. I believe that man standing over there is the one." He pointed to man on the corner, but it was another man.

"I asked this man to get me a policeman, but he said he wasn't going to get mixed up in it. He said that Miles Elgin said that she met Miles coming back to the house, and asked him:

"Mae, what have you done?"

"I've been cut; get a doctor,"

"I have done nothing," he replied. "I've been cut; get a doctor, quick."

Miss Elgin said that Copeland was under the influence of liquor, but she did not think Miles was.

Copeland on Stand.

Thomas E. Copeland said that he left the Tolman Laundry with Miles about 11:30 Saturday night. He went to a barber shop and made arrangements to meet Miles at a saloon on Sixth street. They had several drinks there together and arrived in front of their home about 12:30 o'clock. He said that they found the door locked, and that while they were knocking some one came by and said "This is a pretty time to be hanging on the street."

According to Copeland's testimony there was only one encounter between the two men. Copeland said that during the fight he was knocked down and that when he got up he saw Miles and Miss Elgin coming up the street to see him.

He had been cut, Copeland said he did not believe it was anything serious.

Says Miles Was Aggressor.

According to the testimony given by Copeland, Miles was the aggressor in the fight with the stranger. Dr. Glazebrook, deputy coroner, testified that he had performed the autopsy on Miles and that the wound was on his right side, the knife cutting through to his liver.

Detective Hartigan said that Groff told him that he had been in a fight with Miles and that he had been cut. He had had about fifteen glasses of beer during the night of the tragedy, told Frank S. Stewart, assistant yardmaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad, testified that he saw Miles and Groff in a fight when the affair occurred. He reiterated the statement made by Miss Elgin. The case was then given to the jury.

ROOSEVELT THANKED BY FLORIDA'S CHIEF

President Roosevelt today received the following telegram from the governor of Florida:

"Leesburg, Fla., Oct. 22.

"Washington.

"I express to you the sincere thanks of the people of Florida for your expression of sympathy and sincerely thank you for offer of national aid in any practicable way. Will advise you further after investigating matters.

"N. D. BROWARD, Governor."

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Odd Girl Here Visits Brother

Elizabeth Magie declares that she has been misunderstood by the people and misrepresented by the newspapers. In reply to ad offering herself for sale she received over a bushel of letters.



Elizabeth Magie, the Girl Who Offered Herself for Sale, Starts for New York, Where She Will Begin Newspaper Work.

Elizabeth Magie, a girl who has been in the city for some time, has been the subject of much newspaper comment. She has been offered for sale, and has received over a bushel of letters in reply to an advertisement offering herself for sale. She has been misunderstood by the people and misrepresented by the newspapers.

A Times representative called on Miss Magie at the home of her brother early this morning and was greeted with this startled question:

"I thought I had covered my tracks so well that nobody would even suspect that I was in the city," confessed the young woman, "and I had hoped to get out before the newspapers knew of my whereabouts."

Miss Magie sighed and dropped back into a chair. She is an extremely pretty woman. Petite of figure, with small hands and feet. She has a mass of blue black hair, a clear olive complexion, ruddy cheeks and full red lips. A

A smile flitted across her hitherto immovable features.

"What do I think? Well, I have not lost all faith in the world for my adventures. And the answers—I had a bushel." Miss Magie laughed a low, musical laugh, and continued.

"The day after I sent the ad to a paper and before it was published, I had the first answer. It was in the shape of a newspaper reporter who thought I was crazy. I met him in my home and without a word he strode across the room and gazed into my eyes. 'Has anyone been to see you?' he questioned. 'No,' I replied, and backed away from him as though he were insane.

"Lock the door then, and don't let anyone in until I am through with you," he began to think he really was crazy, and was thinking of calling for help when it struck me that he was a newspaper reporter."

"You can't imagine how irresistibly funny the situation was. Each thought my bell rang over 5 o'clock, and some one was coming to see me. There is a bushel more, and more and more."

"The first morning after the advertisement appeared in the Chicago papers my bell rang over 5 o'clock, and some one was coming to see me. There is a bushel more, and more and more."

"I am leaving now for New York, and it is almost train time, so I will have to excuse myself," Miss Magie concluded. "Good-by, and please don't misrepresent me," she said as she left.

Miss Magie and her assortment of suit cases were put aboard a street car for the Baltimore and Ohio station, and she left. The brother of the young woman is intensely proud of his sister, and stoutly declares that she will make good in her chosen profession.

No. 1 Ceiling Beaded, \$2.00 Per 100 Ft. Lumber Trust Broken. Libbey & Co., 9th St. & N. Y. Ave.—Adv.

SUPERVISION BODY FOR THE SCHOOLS, CHANCELLOR IDEA

Denial That Superintendent Plans Reducing Mr. Montgomery.

Superintendent Chancellor this morning, at his office in the Franklin school building, announced that at a meeting of school officials this afternoon he would create a board of supervision which in the future would be empowered to settle all differences which might arise in the school system. This new board will not conflict with the present Board of Education, but will arrange all matters which are to be brought before that body for ultimate action. It will be composed of the superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Percy M. Hughes, Superintendent of Colored Schools Winfield Scott Montgomery, Director of Intermediate Instruction A. T. Stuart, and eight other officials whom Dr. Chancellor will select from the various high and normal schools of the city.

Won't Reduce Montgomery.

In speaking of the report that he was about to reduce Assistant Superintendent Montgomery to the rank of supervising principal, Dr. Chancellor said that such was certainly not the case. "Under no circumstances," said he, "would I reduce Dr. Montgomery in rank, unless by his expressed wish. As far as I have been able to ascertain, the colored superintendent has conducted his office in a favorable manner."

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WEST IN GRIP OF BLIZZARD STILL RAGING

Unprecedented Weather for This Season of Year Reported From Colorado.

SNOW REACHES DEPTH OF NEARLY 30 INCHES

In New Mexico and Wyoming Suffering is Great and Crops Are Threatened.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 22.—The entire Western country is in the grip of a blizzard almost unprecedented for its severity at this season of the year. In Colorado snow has been falling continuously for over twenty-four hours and in most sections of the State there is no sign of a let-up. In some places in the hills two feet of snow has fallen. In places there are thousands of barrels of apples and tons of sugar beets in the open in the northern part of the State, and should the cold weather continue the loss will be very great to the ranchers. The live stock in Colorado is not suffering much as yet, although in New Mexico and Wyoming, where the temperature is much lower than in Colorado, the suffering is great.

Storm Worst in Years.

In New Mexico the storm is the worst that has swept that section at this season of the year since 1882.

This morning the thermometers throughout the State registered from five to ten degrees below freezing.

Railway schedules are disarranged. All trains are late, though most of the lines are being kept open through the use of rotary snow plows. Both the telegraph and telephone lines are being cut in places, and the telephone company has trouble with their circuits.

Snow Thirty Inches Deep.

A report from Ouray, Col., states that the heaviest snowstorm in years has struck that section. The snow is from eighteen to twenty inches deep in the city, while in the hills there is from twenty-four to thirty inches. It is still snowing.

At midnight five inches of snow had fallen in Colorado Springs, and reports from the south slope of Pike's Peak state that twenty inches had fallen at that hour. The thermometer registered 18 above zero at that point.

Fruit Crop in Danger.

From Canon City, Col., comes the report that fruit is in great danger. Fully 60 per cent of the winter apples are still on the trees and means that 20,000 boxes are yet to be gathered, and should the cold continue the danger of freezing the unpicked crop would be great.

Today the trees and their fruit are covered with snow.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex., Oct. 22.—New Mexico is being swept by the worst blizzard in twenty years. Snow and sleet is general throughout the grand valley and is accompanied by a heavy wind.

The storm has been increasing in velocity since Saturday morning. The temperature is rapidly falling and it is feared that great losses will fall on the green growers. Telegraph and telephone communication is being cut, and railroad traffic is being delayed.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 22.—The worst storm in years for the season prevails in Wyoming. It is accompanied by heavy snow, and in some sections high winds. The Union Pacific railroad has snow plows out on the entire line between here and Ogden. West of Green River, Wyo., the line is blocked and all communication is cut off.

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 22.—The storm is passing east and prevailed today in western Kansas. Passengers reaching here this morning on belated eastbound trains report a heavy snowstorm in progress between Ellis and Denver, at some points assuming the proportions of a blizzard, with from four inches to a foot of snow on the ground.

In Utah the snow was swept along by a hurricane that did great damage in Salt Lake City. In addition to loss of life property over a wide area was devastated. Fire fanned by the gale wiped out the new plant of the Utah Packing Company, and damage of \$250,000 resulted. The packing plant had just been completed at a cost of \$100,000, and was to have been put in use in a few days. In Ogden one man was killed by a flying plank.

Swept 110 Men To Death in Sea

The Weather Bureau today received the following dispatch from its observer at Jupiter, Fla.:

From Miami, south along the keys, where hundreds of men are employed building the Florida East Coast railroad a storm and high seas with great damage. Many lives reported lost. Reports say that eighty laborers on one houseboat and thirty on one passenger steamer are known to be lost. Many men were washed off low keys, or drifted to sea in houseboats. Two steamers, the British steamer Alton and the American steamer Captain A. F. Lucas, have reported here having picked up a houseboat crew at sea."

TO DEATH IN SEA

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